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(Voter Information, Communication & Education Network)

A Knowledge Network on Voter Education

CONCEPT:

An online knowledge network on Voter Education to be called Voter Information, Communication, Education Network (VoICE.Net) for sharing knowledge, resources and expertise on Voter Education. The knowledge network shall be enriched with contents by the member EMBs/Organisations in a dynamic manner.

MEMBERSHIP:

To begin with EMBs and Institutions participating in the International Conference on Voter Education (19-21st October) at New Delhi shall be the participants. Participation shall be further extended by inviting all interested EMBs and selected Organisations and Institutions associated with Democracy and Elections.

VoICE.NET-MAIN COMPONENTS:

- ◆ Digital Library: It will be a repository of relevant information, best practices, documentation, articles and tools on Voter education; a data bank of communication material used in voter education and awareness campaigns.
- ◆ Experts: A pool of experts will be formed and regular interaction between the Experts on the VoICE.NET through seminars/webinars and workshops.
- ◆ Discussion Forum: A forum for interaction among members on the subject.
- ◆ Annual Conference: Under VoICE.Net, Annual Conference shall be held on rotation basis by member EMBs. Annual Conference calendar to be devised.
- ◆ Capacity Building workshops: Workshops on Voter Education shall be conducted by member EMBs/Organisations for Resource persons, Trainers and Election Officials working in Voter Education and also for other stakeholders including CSOs, Media, etc.
- ◆ Resource Sharing: VoICE.Net shall extend its knowledge and resource support to stakeholders e.g. CSOs, Departments and other organisations associated with elections besides Academic Institutions.

- ◆ Quarterly e-journal and e-newsletter: This will feature the best practice, current events, case studies etc from across the participant countries and also across other democracies.
- ◆ Podcasting/Webcasting: Creative contents, events, seminars and events shall be podcast and webcast.

OTHER FEATURES:

- ◆ Photographs of awareness activity or event related to voter education to be featured on the home page. Photo gallery of events across member countries and organisations to be suitably showcased.
- ◆ Announcement window on activities or events in member countries or by member organisations.

CONTENT MANAGEMENT & HOSTING:

The VoICE.Net portal is proposed to be hosted and managed by ECI. While the ECI shall manage the network hosting at its server in India, the content shall be provided by the interested EMBs and experts to be in the VoICE.NET.

PRE LAUNCH ACTIVITY:

- ◆ The concept paper of the knowledge network - VoICE.Net to be circulated among participants ahead of the Conference for their inputs and suggestions.
- ◆ The initial design for VoICE.Net portal alongwith the broad structure of the portal and a suitable logo shall be shared with participating EMBs/Organisations.
- ◆ The VoICE.Net knowledge platform, logo design, portal structure is proposed to be discussed, ratified and adopted at the Conference.

LAUNCH:

Proposed to be launched at the International Conference Closing function. The initial portal shall be further developed within a time frame.

FINAL STRUCTURE OF VOICE.NET:

Detailed structure and design of VoICE.Net portal and the technical requirements is proposed to be evolved after the Conference in consultation with UNDP/IFES/IDEA and the member EMBs.